

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)

Administration of the North American
Numbering Plan and)

North American Numbering Plan Cost
Recovery Contribution Factor and Fund Size
for July 2001 Through June 2002)

CC Docket 92-237

NSD File No. L-01-96

ORDER

Adopted: June 26, 2001

Released: June 27, 2001

By the Acting Chief, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This Order approves the Fiscal Year 2001 North American Numbering Plan (NANP) Administration contribution factor submitted by the North American Numbering Plan Billing and Collection, Inc. (NBANC). Effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, the NANP Administration contribution factor will be 0.000043.¹

II. BACKGROUND

2. On May 4, 2001, NBANC filed a fund size estimate and contribution factor for recovering the cost of North American Numbering Plan Administration for the 2001 fiscal year covering the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, in accordance with section 52.16(a) of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules.² Public Comment on NBANC's filing was sought on May 15, 2001, with comments due on May 30, 2001 and reply comments due on June 7, 2001.³

¹ We note that the Commission has selected NeuStar, Inc. as the national thousands-block number pooling administrator. The contract award amount is \$17,902,666 for five years, plus an award fee. NBANC may have to adjust its funding projections for national pooling administration costs for this fund year to reflect the actual award amount and any additional adjustments based on actual costs incurred.

² 47 CFR § 52.16(a).

³ On May 15, 2001, the Network Services Division released a Public Notice inviting comment on NBANC's proposed contribution factor and fund size estimate. See North American Billing and Collection, INC. (NBANC) Submits the Contribution Factor and Fund Size Estimate for North American Numbering Plan Administration for July 2001 through June 2002, *Public Notice* (rel. May 15, 2001).

3. NBANC is responsible for calculating, assessing, billing, and collecting payments for the numbering administration functions and for distributing funds to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) on a monthly basis. Pursuant to section 52.16(a) of the Commission's rules, the NBANC proposes a contribution factor of 0.000043, and indicates the total funding requirement for FY 2001 would be \$5,129,930 for NANPA functions, and \$342,513 for NBANC functions.

4. In its filing, NBANC describes its development of projected 2001-2002 costs and the fund size estimate.⁴ Based on this data, NBANC calculates a Canadian contribution of \$139,210.60, a Caribbean contribution of \$27,409.44, and a contribution by domestic carriers of \$9,780,878. These figures are shown on the attached Table 1, which replicates Exhibit 5 in the NBANC filing.

III. DISCUSSION

5. No party commented on NBANC's methodology and computations. NBANC and WorldCom, however, both raise concerns about the appropriateness of the Commission's retention of MITRE Corporation (MITRE) as a consultant.⁵ NBANC states that it is unable to discern why carrier-contributed funds are used to supplement Commission staff activities that appear to be more properly characterized as Commission activities rather than NANP administration.⁶ WorldCom adds that the North American Numbering Council (NANC) was prepared to manage the procurement of a national thousands-block number pooling administrator.⁷

6. As indicated in the *Numbering Resource and Optimization Second Report and Order*, the Commission hired MITRE as a technical consultant to facilitate the establishment of national thousands-block number pooling.⁸ The Commission noted that as a consultant to the Commission for pooling administration, MITRE's fees are part of the cost of establishing pooling administration, thus their fees will be borne by carriers in a competitively neutral manner, in accordance with section 251(e)(2).⁹ The Commission's rules also provide that NBANC shall, among other things bill for all numbering administration functions and distribute funds to the NANPA, or other agent designated by the Common Carrier Bureau that performs functions

⁴ See NBANC filing pages 2-10.

⁵ See NBANC filing at pages 7-8; WorldCom Comments.

⁶ See NBANC filing at page 7.

⁷ See WorldCom Comments at 4.

⁸ See *Numbering Resource Optimization, Second Report and Order* in CC Docket 99-200, Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 99-200, and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 99-200, para. 35 (rel. Dec. 29, 2000) (*Second Report and Order*).

⁹ 47 U.S.C. § 251(e)(2); *Second Report and Order* at para. 36.

related to numbering administration, on a monthly basis.”¹⁰

7. We have reviewed the NBANC filing and find that its methodology and computations are correct and consistent with our rules. We thus approve the proposed fund size estimate and contribution factor.

IV. CONCLUSION AND ORDERING CLAUSES

8. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to section 251(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 251(e) and sections 0.91, 0.291, 52.16, and 52.17 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 52.16, and 52.17, that NBANC apply the contribution factor of 0.000043 to the end-user revenue of each telecommunications carrier in the United States for NANP administration cost recovery. Payments will be due on July 12, 2001. Carriers with contribution requirements in excess of \$1,200 may opt to pay in equal monthly installments. A minimum contribution requirement of \$25 applies to all telecommunications carriers that have end-user revenues.

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¹⁰ See 47 CFR § 52.16(a); *see also* WorldCom Comments at 2-3.

NANPA CONTRIBUTION FACTOR
Year 4 Contributions
July 2001 through June 2002

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Table 1

YEAR 4 DISBURSEMENT PROJECTION

<u>Line #</u>	<u>NeuStar</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Year 4</u>
1	NANPA ADMINISTRATION	NANP Working Group Evaluation to the NANC	\$1,926,640
2	CO CODE ADMINISTRATION	NANP Working Group Evaluation to the NANC	<u>\$3,203,290</u>
3	Total NeuStar	Ln 1 + Ln 2	\$5,129,930
4	Carrier Audits	NANC 5/3/00 Letter	\$350,000
5	1K Block Pooling	NANC 5/3/00 Letter	\$4,100,000
6	COCUS Replacement	NANC 5/3/00 Letter	\$203,000
	<u>NBANC</u>		
7	BILLING AND COLLECTION	NECA Bid	\$288,833
8	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	CCB Letter to NANC 2/10/98	\$25,000
9	ANNUAL AUDIT	CCB Letters to NANC 2/10/98 & NBANC 12/22/00	\$28,680
10	CONTINGENCY		
	A. CONTINUING		\$1,000,000
	B. PENDING & POTENTIAL REQUESTS		\$3,657,697
11	Total NBANC	Ln 7 + Ln 8 + Ln 9 + Ln 10 a & b	\$5,000,210
12	Total Year 4 Funding Requirement	Ln 3 + Ln 4 + Ln 5 + Ln 6 + Ln 11	\$14,783,140

YEAR 4 CONTRIBUTION PROJECTION

	International Participants		
13	Canada	Exhibit 6	\$139,211
14	Caribbean Countries	Exhibit 6	<u>\$27,409</u>
15	Total International Contribution for Year 4	Ln 13 + Ln 14	\$166,620
	Domestic Telecommunications Carriers		
16	Year 3 balance to be applied against Year 4 requirement		\$4,835,643
17	Net Year 4 Contribution Requirement	Ln 12 - Ln 15 - L16	\$9,780,878
18	End User Revenues	FCC Form 499A, 4/01	\$227,462,256,693
19	Year 4 Contribution Factor	NBANC Board Meeting 4/18/01	0.000043
20	Funding Produced by Year 4 Contribution Factor	Ln 19*Ln 18	\$9,780,877
21	Total Available Funds	Ln 15 + Ln 16 + Ln 20	\$14,783,140